(c) if not, how many vacancies are there in DD and AIR in different categories?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Finance is the sanctioning authority for creation of fresh posts. However, many newly commissioned projects of Doordarshan and AIR are not being sanctioned staff pending manpower review and full implementation of ERC recommendations. As no new staff is being sanctioned, there is no question of filling up such posts.

Installation of DTH sets

2196. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to install DTH sets free of cost in public institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of DTH sets so far installed in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) Provision for distribution of 10,000 DTH receive systems (dish and Set Top Box), free of cost in the uncovered areas of the States of Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, North-East Region, Rajasthan and Uttaranchal, through Public institutions *viz.* Anganwadis, Schools, Public Health Centres, Panchayats, Youth Clubs, Cooperative societies, etc. was approved, as part of Doordarshan's Ku Band (DTH) project. The free distribution of DTH sets is targeted to the States where the terrestrial coverage is lower than National coverage. So, far, 8456 DTH receive units have been installed in the uncovered villages of above States and N.E Region. Since the terrestrial coverage in A.P. is more than the National average, DTH receive units are not envisaged to be installed free of cost by the Government in the State of Andhra Pradesh.